

Dear Jim, Re: FBI's files on me; HQ and FO non-compliance; Bringuier and
Dione Turner

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When I can I'll be giving you memos on individual records when there seems to be a point in doing so. In this I'll be addressing the FBI's techniques of defamation, non-compliance (which makes me think we should ask for affidavits of compliance) and some of the specifics of the records.

This copy of 62-104060-6593 is the file copy of the Domestic Intelligence Division. Sullivan's is the only name marked in the stamp for routing and the rubber stamp visible in reverse at the bottom is of that Division.

There is a notation only partly comprehensible at the lower left-hand corner of the first page. It appears to say Retained in 81.8, the second 8 unclear and possibly not an 8. It overlaps with a rubber stamp that in reverse reads "negative." I'm not certain this is the entire rubber stamp.

To the left of this is another stamped-on form. I believe that in the part not eliminated the initials that remain are of Raymond E. Long, if I recall that name correctly.

Above these notations is the routing of copies by the N.O. field office. With the three copies sent to the Bureau there are 9 enclosures, none of which I saw when I went over this covering Airtel and the rest of the volume. If they are mentioned in the LHM, which also has an "enclosure" stamp, I'll go into that as I read the LHM. I've skimmed only part of the first page to now.

I'd have assumed a copy to Dallas but not to Houston. This is absolute proof that a denial of any records by the Houston F.O. is knowingly false.

One enclosure to it and to Dallas. HQ stamped 9 enclosures also.

HQ also noted what appears to be "SHIP 6592. Whatever this means, there is no 6952 in this Section. At the same point there is another file designation, 44 1-A-3. With 44 indicating "Civil Rights," I wonder if this is a sub of a Kin file.

The names and initials added are Sullivans, WOS for William C. Sullivan, Branigan, what can be Raupach (there is such a name) and Goble, I take it Theodore N. Goble, who with Raupach figures in the records on me and I think other critics.

The underscorings are indicative of indexing indications. I do not recall having seen the wavy line below the names like below those of Bringuier and Turner in records I have gone over in the past. Perhaps it can be their way of noting informers to the file clerks.

Maybe the 9 enclosures are those copies of the LHM and the 3 at the bottom refers to the Airtel copies.

While it is customary to say that Bufiles contain no "derogatory information" on people, as here on Turner, they do not say no information at all. She was, if not their informant or source, without question a narcotics informant, at least for the N.O.P.D., Giarruso and Sgt. Spako. I checked this out. In fact, traced here there once to be sure. She may or may not have been a narcofink but she was well known to the two agents to whom I spoke and to whom I'd heard her speak by phone. Here I mean federal agents, federal fink.

Dione is not a common name and Bringuier fractures English badly. That he has the name right means to me that she did not lie to me about her earlier knowledge of and meetings with Bringuier, on some occasions with the Philip Geraci who is mentioned. On one of those occasions, when he had run away and had returned to N.O., she met him and drove him to Bringuier's. Here I do not depend on her word. I have the juvenile report referred to quite incompletely. Geraci understated some of it. Instead of phoning his parents or the police Bringuier arranged to put him up at the Silver Dollar, where the boy was gang-banged.

Dione may have received the letter from Geraci she is said to have said she received but it could not possibly have said what is attributed to it.

Because I intend some carbons for other uses and filings here I ask that what I say about those who then were young people be kept confidential.

Dione, Philip and one Raul Savas were what for them would pass as friends. Raul was not much of a person from my experience with him. I believe Philip was honest with me and would have been more honest if it had not been for his mother. I believe that she forced him to break off with me.

This whole business marks one of the unethical practices of the Garrison office, I'm sure at Jim's direction. They broke their word to stay out of this when I told them about it. As usual they were utterly incompetent when they tried to steal what I was doing and would have given to them. I became quite angry on a couple of occasions and then addressed Jim and Moo Sciambra as I'm certain they had not been addressed.

One aspect was calling Raul in for an interview. He used it for a credited character assassination of Dione, whose character made that easy. But the stupidities of the Garrison office were not aware that she was also an excellent source, in some areas far and away my best, even though she is the most natural and persuasive and accomplished liar I ever knew well. Fantastic liar! I was lucky in deciding what to check out. All paid off.

So I got Ivon to call Raul in for an interview by me. Raul agreed. Ivon left us alone and I broke Raul down. It was easy with the guidance I obtained from Dione, who was, naturally enough, put out over what he had done to her. I don't recall if Ivon kept the tape to which Raul agreed. If I have it I don't recall where it is.

She knew and had gone out with Layton Martens and Perry Russo. They both confirmed her stories to me. By the most remarkable of coincidences the night I persuaded her to trust me, at Barbara Reid's apartment, who turns up in the wee hours by Martens, wanting to know what is going on.

However, none of this part of the ~~the~~ LHM is true. As of that time I'd never spoken or written to Philip. About April of that year I did interview Philip's father and mother, on tape, played back to them. I obtained proof of Bringuier's false swearing to the Warren Commission - about Oswald and about when he met Oswald. I interviewed Philip in the home of his lawyer, by pre-arrangement, and that it be in the lawyer's presence being my idea, that December.

In between the father, an electrician, died as the result of an electric shock.

Dione had told me that Philip and Raul were homosexual. Garrison had a hangup on homosexuals over Shaw. She also told me that Shaw's pal Mario Bernadez had seduced Philip using a fancy car as bait and even telling me where the first encounter took place. I received partial confirmation from the parents, to whom I did not identify Philip with the use of that particular place popular among high school kids by wealthy New Orleans homosexuals. They are among those who made representations to the Metairie school authorities.

One of my purposes was to protect Philip. Another was to learn what I could from him. With the first, which is entirely opposite what this LHM says, I was completely successful. With the second very successful. Had I been able to spend more time in N.O. or to look him up later it could have led to much more good information.

If you want I'll tell you about the Philip-Ferris connection. It is not relevant here. And of what happened to Philip within 24 hours of Ferris's death, confirmed by the mother. I have those tapes.

Philip was in Viet Nam. Garrison had no plans for subpoenaing him from there. It is when Philip was returned after his father's death that Garrison wanted to talk to him. The kid was so scared he ran the risk of ignoring three subpoenas. I found out not from Garrison but from Dione.

With this record Garrison was quite willing to make a deal with me. I made it through Alcock and arranged for the lawyer's husband, a judge, to confirm the deal so she'd know that on my own I'd arranged to shelter her client. They both, as a matter of fact, told me how unusual they found this and how much they appreciated it.

Lillian Cohen practiced law under her maiden name. She was married to Judge Louis Trent. I helped her when the cop turned hippie was framed with a phoney plot to kill Nixon when Nixon needed a sympathetic press. This was when he addressed the VFW in N.O. The story then out out was so direct a steal from a N.O. Oswald story that appears never to have reached the Commission I was able to tell John South of the Enquirer what drug store it was supposed to have been overheard in - and I was right. Poor Bippie Gaudet might have been killed for no reason except Nixon's need for sympathy. Lillian Cohen was his lawyer.

This bears all the earmarks of one of Dione's games because of the relationship each of these falsehood bears to what I can trace to her. Not that Bringuier had hired Geraci. He talked the kid into selling phoney Cuban bonds, without being hired. Not that Bringuier and others had gone to a Cuban camp near New Orleans but that she and the two boys had and had seen Oswald there. These are her stories to me. I don't know if they are true or not. I'm inclined to doubt it save for two reasons: she knew the location of the camps and gave me an accurate description of one of which I was able to obtain pictures during 7/68.

So all of this as it relates to me is false. Note here that the LHM does not include such qualifiers as Bringuier said or it is alleged. They present it all as established fact. I presume this is because the NO FO knew enough about me.

The first sentence of the third graf is another typical lie. The mother had not been approached by Harrison. It is I to whom she and the father spoke, feely and openly at their home, with the taping in the open and as the tapes show, played back so they could be certain than in anxiety that had not misapprehen themselves. (How how many are this concerned when delicate family questions are involved and with Harrison's by then well-known proclivities? But I also had not made a deal for the mother. Later I did.)

The next sentence is also presented as unquestioned truth. In fact it is fabrication. Attention is drawn to it by the note on the first page "See end p. 177 The words are: 'Turner commented that an agency which she did not identify was building a case against Weinberg because he was spreading KGB propaganda in the United States.' Fabrication unless she knew what she did not tell me.

The sentence at the top of the ~~next~~ page is based on something real but is false. Philip was being returned over his father's death, if by October his father had died.

The story of the Bringuier-Geraci relationship is at best incomplete. It is in this area that Bringuier swore falsely to establish an alibi for himself.

The parents made Philip stop selling the bonds. I have the receipts he got from Bringuier. It is almost certain that Oswald filed the complaint against Bringuier's unlicensed sale of bonds. And that he told Bringuier about it at the court hearing after the 8/63 fracas.

The date 8/5/63 is one of the two different false dates Bringuier gave for the Oswald meeting.

Notice, however, that the N.O.F.O. did have a file on Geraci. Why? I can think only of his connection with the case, with me or both. It was not long after my joint interview with both the mother and Philip that I got reports of FBI agents going around behind me and defaming me to those I'd spoken to. Notice the date, 5/5/68 for a minor juvenile offense of more than three years earlier.

Turner's long report says more than this and says what this does not say. It includes Turner at several points and in some detail. (I have it.)

This tailored version seems designed to make it easy to destroy Philip's credibility. And to support Bringuier's false testimony. Actually Philip hated his parents, and not without cause. He was institutionalized over his campaign to get even with them, especially the father.

If I were to guess at a Houston connection I could not overlook that Ricardo Davis was then there.